

DISCUSSION

In the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-19 have been placed under a restriction requirement under MPEP 803 and 35 U.S.C. 121.

SUMMARY OF THE EXAMINER'S POSITION

Specifically, the Examiner has identified the following inventions:

- I. The species of Claims 1-15, drawn to fatigue safety factor (testing); and
- II. The species of Claims 16-19, drawn to computer software.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the identified species for examination.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects the group identified by the Examiner as Invention I.

It is applicant's understanding and belief that Claims 1-15 are drawn to the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,



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